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## WITHIN THE WEEK

Public, in gen'l, believes that cessation of European hostilities will mark abrupt change in war production program; signalize beginning of civilian production in many lines. Natural conclusion, since most press releases have pointed that way. Fact, however, is that actual VE\* Day has become relatively unimportant in long-range planning. Whether war ends in October or January will not be primary consideration in over-all production strategy.

War Dep't is now leaning to belief that there may be no one day of gen'l surrender; that it may be necessary to overcome Nazi resistance piecemeal; that conflict may thus continue long after foe is defeated by all accepted military standards. So the thought is to get enough materiel ahead to finish the job, regardless of time element, then gradually turn nation's production capacity toward civilian channels.

Must be kept in mind that, on an average, production is half a yr ahead of war consumption. Thus munitions made today will not, in normal course, reach fighting front until early '45. By this standard, with few exceptions, we have already completed European war, in a production sense.

\*VE is term suggested by Stabilization Director Byrnes to replace V-Day in designating end of European conflict. Termination of Pacific war symbolized VJ

Truth, of course, is that war orders have already been cancelled in substantial volume. In many other cases, producers have been told, in confidence, what to expect in curtailment in near future regardless of war's duration. Total cut of 40% in war orders is expected before yr-end.

**ITALY:** Nazi position is hopeless and, as previously forecast, gen'l evacuation is to be expected. This may leave Gen'l Clark's forces free to aid in Greece, where enemy is making desperate efforts to get out of the way.

**WAGE INCREASE:** On basis WLB panel report, President will up Little Steel formula, opening way for gen'l wage increases. This will be presumed to offset "increases in cost of living" and will probably be retroactive. Whether political or not, move will be so interpreted and will have political effect. Carefully planned, stage-managed for mo's.

**TAXES:** Despite CED furor, other pressures, will be no important tax legislation this yr. Certain to be primary issue in '45.

**ROOSEVELT HEALTH:** Persistent rumors have forced confidential news services to take note. President has lost some weight, but there appears no basis for belief that health is "failing."



## SHIFTING SANDS

Regardless of election outcome, it is generally conceded that there will be some important Cabinet changes next yr. Mr. Roosevelt is known to be planning several shifts, if re-elected. It is not unlikely, also, that we may see some Cabinet additions. There's good deal of agitation to replace OWI with permanent Dep't of Information whose head would have Cabinet status. (U S is only major power without such an official Dep't.) Another move, strongly supported, is for establishment of Foreign Economic bureau, to be distinct from and emphatically independent of State Dep't. More persistent proponents want Cabinet status for this agency. Their argument, in brief: Function of State Dep't should be ltd to policy. Another group should carry on economic development, guided by that policy. . . Inflation talk now definitely outdated. Belief is that prices in gen'l will remain stable for some mo's, with trend downward.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"I don't know where he has been. And you know where I have been." —Gov THOS E DEWEY, amplifying statement that he had "not had the benefit of Mr Hoover's advice" in his current campaign.

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"If Hitler should come here and help me I should not say no, because I can use whoever comes along." —A Swedish peasant, making German Fuehrer standing offer of 1 kroner (25c) a day, and board, as farm hand.

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"There seems to be some doubt among the herrenvolk whether Hitler bites the carpet, but there is no doubt he is well on his way to biting the dust." —Rt Hon A V ALEXANDER, Britain's 1st Lord of Admiralty.

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"Boy, that one had your name on it, all right!" —Comment of a Navy doctor, treating Lt Jos POWER, Jr, West Pt, Ga. (Jap shell, exploding near POWER, tore identification tag from his wrist, carried it into his thigh.)

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"The 'indispensable man' proposition was originated by the Republicans. We never said there was an indispensable man. We say we believe there should be a man of experience in the White House at this time." —Sen HARRY S TRUMAN, Democratic nominee for v-p.

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"There will come a time when the answer for the welfare of this country and the world should be 'no'. I want a President who, when that time comes can say, 'No, Mr. Churchill; No, Mr Stalin' instead of 'Yes, Winnie; yes, Joe'." —Rep CHAS A HALLECK, Ind.

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"Mostly, a woman just has one man. She gets to know everything he knows, but that's not much. But Catherine the Great had 300 lovers. That's a lotta men, and she got inside their minds, too. These pillow conversations — you learn a lotta stuff that way." —MAE WEST, currently appearing in a wide-ly panned play based on life of the Russian Empress.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"There are more unwed mothers now than ever before." —Lt-Col JULIA THOMAS of Salvation Army, Chicago, retiring after 43 yrs as an officer.

Signs of the Times

"The silver is not medicine. Don't take it after meals!" —Sign in a restaurant that has suffered from souvenir hunters.

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"Don't whistle at the girls who emerge from here. One of them may be your Grandmother!" —Sign posted above entrance of a West Coast beauty salon.

"The American people spend only half as much on their health as they do for alcoholic beverages and tobacco." —Dr GAIL G JACKSON, pres, Indiana Ass'n Osteopathic Physicians.

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"If I ever did think of quitting pictures, it must have been the night I saw *Going My Way*." —FRANK SINATRA, in gracious tribute to fellow crooner, BING CROSBY, who plays star role in that picture, generally conceded a cinch for top honors amongst '44 productions. (SINATRA has just left Hollywood for the East. Report he will make \$1 million this yr.)

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"The West was built with the help of ponies—remember the Pony Express? We'd rather have one any day than a tired old horse." —West Coast spokesman, expressing sentiment of fellow Republicans. (Answering current taunt of Democrats: "Don't swap a horse for a Shetland pony" — a pointed reference to Dewey's size.)

"No sophistry can disguise the fact from him (Jap soldier) that the military has failed him in this, his greatest hr of need." —Gen DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR.

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"The Germans took a look at all those planes and agreed right away to an armistice." —Lt SAM'L W MAGILL, Ashtabula, O, who arranged for display of air power that cowed 20,000 Germans in S France.

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"I am sorry to be late, sir . . . You see, I was in Africa yesterday." —JOE WILSON, Jr. Radarman 2/c, reporting a few min late as new student at Colgate U naval academic refresher unit.

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"It begins to look like the tonsil is mightier than the sword." —GRACIE ALLEN, commenting on fact that BING CROSBY and DINAH SHORE have lately broadcast to Germans in their native tongue, seeking surrender.

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"Just say that I used the same methods that have been used since the beginning of time." —DALE CARNEGIE, author, *How to Win Friends & Influence People*, asked what wiles he employed to win a wife. (CARNEGIE, divorcee, will marry his sec'y in Nov.)

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"Ret'g to this country, I find an increase in anti-Semitism — race riots—all those forces which created Nazism. I say this advisedly, 'or I've learned that if we withhold rights from one group, we'll withhold freedom from all Americans." —Sgt FRANK BATTERSON, former Pacific Coast labor leader, ret'g to U S after many mo's in German prison camps and hospitals.

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"It was a classic tank trap." —Maj ROY CRAFT, San Francisco, describing engagement in which 13 Yanks with one machine gun, rifles and tommy guns, held up heavily-armed Nazi column of 117 vehicles while American tanks got into position for an ambush. (Ensuing engagement knocked out 116 vehicles; killed 300 of 470 German troops. Our only casualty: one Free French fighter.)

"The sword can, and sometimes, alas, must open the way to peace."  
—POPE PIUS XII.

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"I'm homesick for toilets that flush." — HERB CAEN, ex-reporter, *San Francisco Chronicle*, now a Lt with American forces in France.

## Monty's Musings

"I repeat, we can have the war against Germany over this yr. . . No human power can stop the utter and complete defeat of the remnants of the German army. . . There is no point in rushing straightway to Berlin today or this wk. If you 1st defeat the Germans, or collect them in as prisoners, you will make the job easy. . . The allies have a lot to be thankful for in that Hitler has taken charge of operations. It means the enemy is commanded by a lunatic. In that respect, I'm glad the German gen'l's failed in their bomb attempt against the fuhrer. . . Good luck to all our forces, and good hunting in Germany!" — Field Marshal Sir BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY, at his forward command, in Belgium.

"Let us not think that we can bomb our way to brotherhood. Peace is finally a matter of the heart and not of the fist." — Rev MARK A. DAWBER, exec sec'y Home Missions Council of N America.

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"We're addressing the pkg to Berlin. We know he will be there by the time it arrives." — Spokesman for Spokane (Wash) Athletic Round Table. (Group dispatched 1,100,000 cigarettes to Gen DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, for distribution to doughboys.)

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"My dad's dollar was used against me in my recent primary campaign." — Rep ROBT A. GRANT, Ind, Republican, asserting that his father and brother (union mbrs) were compelled to contribute to CIO PAC fund to promote Democratic candidates. "In a union maintenance shop," declares Grant "you either pay the assessment or you're out of a job."

"Women, they can't paint. They can't compose music. They can't write." — SALVADOR DALI, the surrealist painter.

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"Bad cooks will be punished as saboteurs." — SOFIA RADIO, announcing campaign of Bulgarian regime to raise eating standards.

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"All my buddies are gone. There's no one to go out with except girls." — WALTER J. ROGERS, Pottsville, Pa, discharged after 15 mo's service in Italy.

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"Each day you remain on strike is the same as shooting an LST boat out of the water." — Naval officer, addressing striking electricians at Dravo Corp'n, Pittsburgh. (Men ret'd to work next day.)

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"You are quite right in thinking the President's affliction has affected his mind. It has made him profoundly sympathetic with all suffering and pain." — ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, responding to tactless query put by a newspaper woman at recent press conference.

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"A stipend of \$15,000 or \$20,000 would not be a terrific yearly salary for a Congressman, but it would help." — Anonymous Representative, pleading for increase in present salary (\$10,000) asserting that this sum nets average Congressman about \$3,000, or approx \$60 a wk.

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"I've never seen any red tape, although I've heard of it for yrs. I think I'll order some as a souvenir." — Lt-Col M. A. COOPER, Rome Ga, inspecting catalog of available property, issued by Treasury Dept, Procurement div. (The tape was listed, "72 yds, 31 c")

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"Right now we think Gen'l Hershey could be voted the man with whom we would like most to share a slit trench." — Quotation from soldier's letter, printed in Army paper, *Stars & Stripes*. Comment inspired by statement of Maj-Gen'l LEWIS B. HERSHEY: "We can keep people in the Army about as cheaply as we could create an agency for them when they are out."

"Bundle it up and throw it at the Japs, thru your regular collection system." — EDWIN S. FRIENDLY, nat'l chairman, U S victory waste-paper campaign, urging public to refrain from paper "snow-storms" on V Day.

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"I hope he is not letting me get into his hair. I am sorry about this, but not so sorry that I cannot stand it." — HAROLD ICKES, Sec'y of Interior, commenting on DEWEY promise that one of his 1st official acts would be ousting of "Honest Harold."

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"I have been thinking and talking about raising wages for some time and I am going to do it as soon as the gov't will permit me." — HENRY FORD, (Twice previously FORD has set new industrial pace by increasing basic wage scale.)

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"Any fool can see that in a period of superabundance of labor we are not going to continue with a policy that was designed to take care of a shortage of labor." — WM. H. DAVIS, chairman, WLB, indicating that a new wage policy to fit shifting economic conditions is inevitable.



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## COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

**Is It Military Etiquette?**—Capt MURRAY M. IFFT, *Holland's*, 10-'44.

In the Army decorum is spelled with a capital D and woe unto those who forget it. For the civilian, common sense, is a good yardstick.

In seating dinner guests the lady of honor is the wife of the senior officer present unless, of course, some one is specially honored. In case of two officers of the same rank, the one to receive his rank 1st is senior. Remember that if civilians are among your guests, their prominence dictates their niche, which may place them before any rank held by uniformed guests.

Officers and privates may be invited to the same dance or dinner, especially if they are friends or the preponderance of guests are civilian. If guests are all Army it would be better to ask officers and enlisted men separately.

Military men do not remove caps in an elevator with ladies. The soldier's headgear is part of his uniform. It would be no more proper for him to remove his hat than to remove his blouse.

On the street, the soldier who doffs his cap to a lady probably would not be criticised. However, the smart, proper form is to render an informal salute.

It is not considered good military form for an officer to carry large parcels, an umbrella, nor mkt for the family, nor push a perambulator. Do not ask the man in uniform to let you wear any of his decorations or insignia (insignia is plural noun of insigne.) Do not encourage him to drink or smoke at times when same is forbidden.

Customs and courtesies of the service are meticulously observed by armies and navies the world over.

### AUDACITY

Navy tells of 2 pilots shot down, floating in Pacific on a rubber raft. A Jap sub rose to the surface. One pilot waved. "That's the stuff," said his companion. "Get 'em close to us and we'll ram hell out 'em!"—*This Wk.*

### BOOKS

A contemporary tells of a Readers' club—membership comprised of those who eat alone and devour a book with their meals. They now think of forming another club—for people who never read except over other people's shoulders. We'd like to suggest a third—consisting of people who do not read books at all, but are such faithful followers of book reviews they can (and usually do) discuss learnedly all the latest vol's, tho they cannot tell you the color of the jacket.—*Pleasures of Publishing*, hm Columbia U Press.

### CHANGE—Resistance to

The traders in what is left around St. Paul's cathedral want to retain the premises in which they and their forebears for centuries did business. They care less for grand vistas of architects than for the places they love and know.

It reminds one of the heart cry of a woman in the magistrate's court recently when possession was sought of the suburban house into which she had been compulsorily settled after her London home was destroyed.

"They can have it," she said, "if only I can go back. I do so love my old bombed street."—*London Daily Mail*.

### CHARACTER

Just remember that what you are going to be tomorrow you are becoming today.—*The United Presbyterian*.

### CHURCH—Contributions

Once there was a Christian

He had a pious look.

His consecration was complete

Except his pocketbook.

He'd put a nickel on the plate

And then, with might and main,

He'd sing: "When we asunder part

It gives us inward pain."

—*Religious Telescope*.

### ENTERPRISE

John Thompkins, Negro blacksmith in charge of a metal shop at Camp Wheeler, was assigned a group of Italian war prisoners. Unable to make the Italians understand his instructions, Thompkins found the shop's work piling up. He studied Italian at night; soon had the shop on schedule.

Then it happened. The Italians were transferred, Germans sent to replace them. Again the work piled up. Nothing daunted, Thompkins bought a German grammar, studied it until he was able to instruct the new prisoners.—JOEL HUFF, *Atlanta Jnl.*

### When THAT Day Dawns

How the U S A celebrates the coming armistice with Germany will tell the world. . . how much or little we have grown because of our sacrificing. . .

Will not schools, colleges, churches. . . offer spiritual and patriotic alternatives or supplements to a pagan debauch where remembrance and understanding as well as tattered papers are thrown to the winds?

If to the most extensively and expensively schooled people in the world the coming German armistice means only a (license) to join mobs, then our vaunted education is failing to fit us for self-gov't and prepare us against World War III.—WM H ALLEN, director, Institute for Public Service, N Y.

### EXECUTIVE—Definition

A good executive is a man who is always in the groove without being in a rut.—M LINCOLN SCHUSTER, quoted in *Counterpoints*, hm World Book Co.

### FAME—Ironic

So you want to enter the newspaper business? Go to it, Freddy, go to it. . . Stick to it and you may become one of the principal decorations, let's say, of the *Gazette*. Then you'll enjoy a modicum of local fame. "This is Fred," people will say. "He works on the *Bulletin*."—ROBT M YODER, *Chicago Daily News*.



# FREE SPEECH

Free Speech is the right to say, print or publish what you please. So there is no such thing as Free Speech—couldn't be. If there were it would overturn every polity on earth the day it went into effect.

It is high time we stopped pretending there is such a thing when, as a matter of fact, nobody in power dare define it, except backwards—by saying what it is not.—*The Montrealer*.

# GOD—Benevolence

God is no fault-finder, always looking for things to condemn in us. He estimates us at our best, not our worst.—*The Upper Room*.

# HATRED—of Evil

This country was built upon a passion for freedom and justice; a hatred of tyranny and cruelty. Otherwise, it could never have been built at all. If you cannot hate evil, you cannot love good.—*STRUTHERS BURT, Sat Review of Literature*.

# INGENUITY

When a restaurant declined to sell a patron some cheese to take out, his ingenuity was equal to the occasion.

"Bring me," he ordered "two cheese sandwiches—untoasted and without bread." He got them.

# KNOWLEDGE—Limited

Chas F Kettering tells of a friend of his—prof at a famed medical school. Delivering his last lecture on graduating day, he said:

"I've been lecturing to you boys on medicine for the last 4 yrs—but I'm afraid that half of what I told you is wrong. The trouble is, I don't know which half."

# LABOR—Domestic

An army major in Wash was so unhappy in his tiny furnished room, he used to spend evenings in a drugstore, sipping cokes, reading mysteries. There he found a happy solution:

On the drugstore bulletin board one evening was an appeal for a baby-watcher—\$1.50 an evening.

It took a little time, but the major convinced the couple he really did want to watch the baby. Now he

spends many evenings in that nice living room, which has a good library and—behind a certain row of books—a bottle of Scotch. He gives the \$1.50 to the Red Cross.—*PM*.

# MANNERS—English

Each class in England is expected to be good-mannered. And the more privileges you possess the better your manners are supposed to be.—*J B PRIESTLY*.

# ORIGINS

Much of our military insignia is of very ancient origin. For example, a fighting nobleman of the 13th century originated the decoration which an Army major now wears on his shoulder.

This nobleman designed an oak leaf for his major because that officer led as many men as could be seen from the top of a large oak tree.—*Lt J K WESTERFIELD, Read Mag*.

# POLITICS

"Do you believe," they asked the Cautious Candidate, "that the earth is round?"

"Frankly," he replied, "I am keeping an open mind on that issue, but I shall have no comment to make until my fact-finding bureau has taken a poll of public opinion in the matter and I have consulted with my committee of geographical experts. Good day, gentlemen."—*The N Y Times Magazine, 9-3-'44*.

# RACE—Negro

Isn't it about time the motion picture industry discovered it's bad taste to portray Negroes as scared, knee-knocking cowards—while so many of them are giving their lives on America's battlefronts?

In ghost and mystery pictures, Negroes are compelled to roll their eyes, shudder and hide when they hear strange noises. But American Negro troops are meeting the enemy every day. And when they do so, they don't run and hide. They draw a bead on the Nazi or Jap and shoot him between the eyes. And do you know what—the enemy is just as dead as if he were shot by a white soldier!—*Camp Haan Tracer*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY  
THRU A  
MEGAPHONE**

It isn't too often that vendors of alcoholic beverages come in for commendation. However, in an increasing number of communities bars, taverns and tap-rooms have agreed voluntarily to sell no intoxicating liquors on V-Day. This will not solve the problem of private stocks or surreptitious bootlegging, but is a step in right direction.

Distillers produced 54,000,000 gal of beverage spirits during Aug "holiday." Reduction of gov't requirements will permit production of add'l beverage alcohol in next few wks, but it is doubtful if there will be much easing this yr of two prime shortages—bourbon whisky and beer. War Food Administration is blocking use of corn for beverage. Beer volume is dependent upon malt production, and present indication is that supplies may be even tighter next yr.

Some theaters in South are banning March of Time film, *Americans All* because of Negro sequences, plea for end of race segregation. . . *Look*, picture mag, will produce pictorial volumes, each characterized as a *Look Book*. First featuring Hollywood war activities, now in preparation. Will be sold thru regular book channels. . . Luncheon clubs, women's groups, etc, report increasing difficulty in securing speakers. Many who used to delight in orating are now too busy to talk.

Movie leaders met with WPB officials in Washington last wk to discuss raw stock situation. Leaders complain Military and OWI make excessive film demands, now use more film than all movie industry combined. No decision.



**APPAREL:** Reversing old trick of pulling a rabbit out of a hat, a Conn company has practically "pulled a hat out of a rabbit." New headgear, composed of plastic, impregnated with rabbit fur. Flattened and packed in suitcase, emerges fresh, ready to wear. (*Forbes*).

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**AVIATION:** Airlines wonder if Stanley Hiller, young Calif inventor, has really developed trouble-proof helicopter they've been seeking as feeder for main lines. (This is plane Henry Kaiser claims to have operated with 5 min instruction.) Kaiser has taken over Hiller business, retaining 19-yr-old inventor as exec. Someone is going to hit helicopter jackpot—and soon. Everyone accepts principle as coming thing, but up to this time even experts have found 'em hard to fly.

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**CHEMISTRY:** Amazing chemical story yet to be told in detail is that of fractionation (separation) of human blood plasma. Already some 20 parts of plasma have been concentrated. One of latest is a synthetic membrane or skin—thin elastic film used in treating burns. Sul'as, penicillin, etc may be incorporated in this synthetic skin, which is spread over burned area. When healing is complete, plastic film becomes dry, falls off. (*Harvard Medical School*).

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**ELECTRONICS:** Electronic protective equipment that enables blind to run power sewing machines will soon aid home stitcher. No more painful needle jabs! Sewing machine needle will be guarded by beam of light focused on electric eye. Finger in danger area will interrupt beam, inactivate eye, stop machine before injury can occur. (*Business Wk*).

#### RELIGION—Under Fire

A Navy chaplain writes:  
"After one of our litter-bearers ret'd from carrying wounded under fire, he began attending services regularly. Asked if he had changed his ideas, he replied: 'Brother, up here you don't have to change your ideas. You get them changed for you!'"—*Watchman-Examiner*.

#### SABOTAGE—Work-Hindrance

Foreign workers in German factories often "misunderstand" instructions given them by their German foremen. . . .

In one factory, 20 to 30 Russian workers were missing daily. It was discovered that they entered the factory through one gate at the beginning of their shift and left immediately through another gate with workers of the preceding shift. —*Aftonbladet*, Sweden.

#### SAFETY—Safe Driving

An Ozark centenarian died recently after seeing an automobile for the 1st time. He did not see it soon enough.—*Louisville Courier Jnl*.

#### SPEECH—Speaking

Poet Jas Whitcomb Riley and a fellow writer were called upon to deliver speeches at a banquet. Riley's brief talk was welcomed; the other got only a trickle of applause.

"I can't understand," said the aggrieved writer "why your speech made such a hit and mine was a failure. I had so much more to say than you."

"Yes," agreed Riley, "but here's the difference: I talk until I get tired and you talk until the audience gets tired."—*E E EDGAR, Familiar Fables*.

#### SERVICE—Limited

A drug store on Chicago's north-west side has a new sign: "These magazines are not on lend-lease. Please pay the cashier."—*Chicago Tribune*.

#### SEXES—Relationship

I learned long ago not to beat a man at tennis if I wanted to keep his interest in me—as a woman. But as an athlete one has a code of never losing to anyone one can beat.

So if pressed into a game, I have to invent a blister on the heel or something, so that the man suggests we stop.—*ALICE MARBLE* (former tennis champ) "Fibs We Tell Men," *Argosy*, 9-'44.

#### SPORT—Golf

Golf is a game in which a ball 1½ inches in diameter is placed on another ball 8,000 miles in diameter. The object is to hit the small ball but not the large.—*Santa Fe Mag*.

#### TROUBLE

In a small town people will sympathize with you in trouble—and if you haven't any trouble they will hunt some up for you.—*Montreal River Miner*, Hurley, Wis.

#### VALUES

Values in the S Sea islands have taken a strange realistic turn. At one camp the finance officer keeps several thousands dollars cash in a desk drawer. No guard is on duty; no money has ever been missing. About 10 yds away there is a supply hut in which some medicinal whisky is stored. A 3-man armed guard stands watch night and day.—*Coronet*.

#### VIEWPOINT

"There are two kinds of farms—the 'live' farms and the 'dead' ones. It depends on the men who work them—whether a fellow loves the place, or just goes on pushing implements thru the ground to make money."—*LOUIS BROMFIELD*, (quoting *WALTER OAKES*) "My Ninety Acres," *Cosmopolitan*, 9-'44.

#### WAR—Horrors

At Doc Seagrave's hospital the human wreckage from last night's action is coming in. The place is a shambles of screaming, groaning men; of stumps of limbs and buckets of flesh; of horrible things with half-faces and half-bodies; of things that you feel it is a pity to keep alive; of men dying on the four constantly-filled operating tables; of things under sheets that you would not dare lift up for fear of going mad; of wounded men lying half covered in pools of muddy rain water because there is no place to put them and no time to make any

"... at the Cost of Only One U S Fighter"

Now that our mighty air arm is again making history and headlines—now that we incline to elation as the box-score is relayed to us, day upon day—this brief bit, written in the early days of the war, strikes again with devastating directness. It was written by EDWIN A LAHEY, and appeared in the Chicago Daily News.

War tends to make people callous. Not only the participants, but type-writer strategists as well.

One article relates that the Russians have killed 900,000 Nazis in a few mo's. This is mildly pleasurable, like reading of a sharp increase in weekly car loadings. Another piece reports that gamblers on the Stock Exchange, despite some liquidation, have not been affected by the "peace scare."

The main story of the day tells of a huge raid, by B-17 Flying Fortresses of the U S 8th Air Force, on Duren, Germany. The dispatch from London says that this and other raids on strategic targets had been made "all at the cost of only one American fighter plane."

One assumes that there was a boy piloting the plane. They tell us that a flier shot down over enemy territory has about an even draw to live and finish out the war as a prisoner. Some escape and make their way back to England.

Maybe the boy who didn't come back from the raid that was made "all at the cost of only one American fighter plane" drew low when he cut the cards with fate. Maybe he went down with a pattern of machine-gun slugs across his chest or his belly, choking on his own blood and thinking the crazy

thoughts that must come during the last few moments of life. . .

Maybe the boy, lighter and lighter of head, tried to recall the equation for the acceleration of fall, which he learned in physics, and he might have sandwiched in a quick act of contrition for a dull and shallow evening he had spent last payday in London. Did he have a momentary recollection of some school teacher whose fineness of character had won his devotion and opened the doors to a world of high idealism? Did he murmur, "Mother of Divine Grace, pray for me."

He must have had a girl in whose understanding presence he was giddy with happiness. Did it pass thru his mind, perhaps, that she would be too dramatic in her sorrow?

Doubtless he thought of his mother, praying for his safe return. Only another second, now. . . and his father's sheepish affection and pride when he had won his wings. Here we go. . .

I hope the seconds were too short for the boy's thoughts, spinning faster and faster, to dwell upon his statistical unimportance. I hope the villagers in France put some fall flowers on his grave and had the padre say a mass for him.

"... all at the cost of only one American fighter plane."

place. And thru it all the doctors and nurses moving and working as tho in a daze—a horrible trance. You walk away sick at your stomach and wishing to God you had never gone near it.—JOHN GRAHAM DOWLING, with U S troops in upper Burma, *Chicago Sun*.

**YOUTH—Activities**

Episcopal church in a Mass city donated its parish house for youth activities. When young people put a sign on the front lawn: "Jive Junction," oldsters let it stand.

In this youth plan, youngsters are known as "substance." Each has

adult adviser called "shadow." In truth, our youth are taking over!—*Recreation*, 8-'44.

**YOUTH—Converted**

A gang of neighborhood boys were pilfering and destroying property of U S Plywood corp'n High Point, N C. Usual threats failing, Chas W Perry, Branch mgr, took a new tack. He formed a club of boys living within 3 blocks of the plant. It became the duty of mbrs to protect the property, report to management any trespassers, saboteurs. Results were immediate—destruction ceased.—*Dun's Review*.



GEMS FROM

Yesterday

**On Demagogues**

JAMES FENIMORE COOPER

The American novelist, now chiefly remembered for his "Leatherstocking Tales" took keen interest in the political and social problems of his period. This excerpt is from *The American Democrat*, published in 1838. We are reminded especially at this political season that America still has a few demagogues left! Cooper was born Sept 15, 1789—155 yrs ago last wk. He died Sept 14, 1851.

A demagogue, in the strict signification of the word, is "a leader of the rabble." It is a Greek compound that conveys this meaning. . .

The peculiar office of a demagogue is to advance his own interests, by affecting a deep devotion to the interests of the people. . .

The motive of the demagogue may usually be detected in his conduct. The man who is constantly telling the people that they are unerring in judgment, and that they have all power, is a demagogue. Bodies of men being composed of individuals, can no more be raised above the commission of error than individuals themselves, and in many situations they are more likely to err from self-excitement and the division of responsibility. . .

The demagogue always puts the people before the constitution and laws, in face of the fact that people have placed the constitution and laws before themselves.

The local demagogue is apt to betray his want of principles by contending for fancied or assumed rights in favor of a county, or a town, tho the act is obviously opposed to the will of the nation. While loudest in proclaiming his devotion to the majority, he is, in truth, opposing the will of the entire people in order to favor a part.

The British judge, Sir Henry Hawkins, sat on his official bench listening, as a long-winded barrister, inordinately fond of the sound of his own voice, droned on and on.

Finally the judge picked up a pen, wrote a few words, signaled a bailiff to deliver the note to the pleading barrister. To his great discomfiture, that worthy gentleman read:

*Patience Competition*

Gold Medal—Sir Henry Hawkins

Honorable Mention—Job

The plea was quickly concluded.

—*Christian Science Monitor.*

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In one of the nursery schools, made necessary by the increasing number of working mothers, the tiny tot who brings an extra nickel is permitted to trade it for ice cream.

One little lady, aged 3, who had come to associate the shiny coin with a delectable dessert, was found in tears when her mother called for her after Sunday School. "They took my nickel," she sobbed, "and they didn't give me any i-l-ice cream!"



## OF THE WEEK

German propagnada claims that they are building better secret weapons is having the reaction you would expect. The world's armies are beating a path to their door.—*The Montrealer.*

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"Politics makes strange bed-fellows." Yeah; they all use the same bunk. — *Shawano County (Wis) Jnl.*

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For the next 3 mo's most political candidates will be more candied than candid.—*Banking.*

# GOOD STORIES

## YOU CAN USE

### LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

Rep THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN  
Rhode Island

One day, shortly after the last presidential election, I was talking with a taxi driver who chanced to mention that he and 4 mbrs of his family had voted for Roosevelt.

"That is good news," I said, "I am a Democrat myself."

"But," said the taxi driver, "none of us are Democrats."

I asked what had influenced his vote, if not party allegiance.

"Well," he answered slowly, "I think a man ought to do the right thing once in a while—even if it goes against his principles."

Faithfully each yr. for a full decade, Mrs. O'Flaharity had journeyed to the cathedral for the christening of the latest addition to the family. And on each occasion she had given the new baby five names.

On the eleventh occurrence the good father laboriously entering all of the names in the register, looked up from his labors:

"Mrs O'Flaharity," he beamed, "it is the joy and the privilege of the Church to welcome these little charges into the fold, but the next time—the next time, you really must bring your own ink!"

With the third drink, the little man with the wan look began to talk. "I married the woman of my dreams," he confided to his neighbor of the bended elbow. "She is as beautiful to me as the day I met her. Her hands are always white and sofe. Her hair is never untidy. Her appearance is always immaculate."

"So," said the neighbor, "your marriage is a happy one?"

"Yes," said the little man, with just a trace of wistfulness in his voice. "Yes, but do you know, I sometimes get pretty tired of eating in restaurants."

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They had paused in the church vestibule to exchange greetings. "I was so sorry," said Mrs S "to learn of your husband's prolonged illness."

"Oh, he isn't really ill," said Mrs B. "He recovered in a few days. But when the doctor called two mo's ago, he told my husband not to get up until he visited him again, and—well, we rather think he has joined the Army."—*Capper's Wkly.*



